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Contributions to OCI Periodic Requirements List for the USSR,
1 April - 31 July 1959

REF : 10 December 1958 memorandum from Ch/S/TD to Chief St/I/R covering
the Soviet PRL edition for 1 January - 30 April 1959

USSR

III. Economic

1. Retain the Ingosstrakh requirement provided in the
reference memorandum.

Soviet Bloc

II. Economic

1. Retain the Fleschner requirement provided in the reference
memorandum.

2. Add the following requirement under Section II Economic:
Importing and Exporting

The most frequently reported commodity involved in illicit
east-west trade during the past year has been borax (boron) and
boron ores. The USSR and each of the satellites, with the exception
of Albania, have been reported interested in obtaining large
quantities of these embargoed materials in spite of extravagant
claims of Communist Chinese production. (C)

(a) Indicate the extent to which Bloc demand for boron
has been satisfied by these illegal shipments. Are Bloc procurement
efforts being coordinated within the USSR or elsewhere? Determine
current military uses of boron within the Bloc and quantities
required. (C)

(b) Provide any information which might indicate
future Bloc efforts to obtain Free world boron. Such information

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might involve Bloc procurers or end-users, emphasis on acquiring U.S., Turkish, Argentine, Italian or West German supplies, the identity of Western processors or manufacturers whose products have been obtained, Bloc contacts in the Free World which assist in the boron procurement effort, etc. (C)

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